

THE WIDOW'S MITE.

Senator Van Wyck's Eloquent Plea for Increased Pension for Mrs. Malloy.

The Widow of a Soldier of Two Wars Residing in Nebraska--The Debate in the Senate.

Congressional Record Feb. 26th.

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The committee have reported the bill giving to Sally Mallory, the widow of Benjamin Mallory, \$30 per month, and my friend desires to know why it is that it is proposed to increase her pension.

The senator from Connecticut says that if we increase the pension of this widow there are hundreds of other widows whose pensions will have to be increased.

There are a few remaining of these persons, and every year the number is fewer still. To-day this poor woman is asking for this bounty because she has outlived all her natural relatives.

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Mr. Allison. How old is she?

Mr. Van Wyck. Nearly 100 years old.

old. A year or two ago Congress was liberal in the bestowal of thousands of dollars for a centennial celebration at Newburg, in New York, where the great army of the revolution was disbanded.

house he does not show any signs of chagrin to the hen. Does not look at her as much as to say, "I am onto your scheme old lady," but treats her just the same as any other hen, thus discriminating her all suspicion that her husband's document that ever went into American literature was circulated, we remember, among the officers of the American army, wherein it was charged that their government had been unjust to them, that they were to go back to their homes, devastated and blackened by war, their mere pretence of pay to be in currency which was depreciated, and we recognized the great services of those men, we cherished their memory by bestowing thousands to celebrate their memory.

Mr. President, these are all the facts and all the circumstances attending this case. I trust that this body and the others will not only be liberal in the allowance, but will not show even a murmur of disapprobation at extending to the few and far disappearing class of this kind who are entitled to our benefaction.

Mr. Cockrell. I move to strike out "thirty," in line 9, and insert "twenty," making the pension \$20 per month.

Mr. President, this seems to be a very important case which has drawn forth all the sympathy and attention for support and the learning of my distinguished friend from Nebraska. I hold in my hand here the report in this case which was made to the senate by him, in which he says--

That Sally Mallory has been for many years, and is now on the pension list, receiving \$30 per month, as the widow of Benjamin Mallory, a soldier in the revolutionary war, in which he served three years; that he also served during the war of 1812, and was under Harrison at Lundy's Lane.

I believe there is on the floor of the senate a distinguished descendant of the illustrious hero, Harrison; but I had never heard before of his being at Lundy's Lane. I think this matter is of sufficient importance--

Mr. Van Wyck. I beg the gentleman's pardon. I intended to say "Scott" not "Harrison."

Mr. Cockrell. Then the report ought to be recommitted to the committee to be made accurate in its historical allusions.

Mr. Van Wyck. I ask unanimous consent that some time or other it may be submitted to the civil-service commission. [Laughter.] I should like to have my history correct.

Mr. Cockrell. Now, Mr. President, this is simply a question of increasing the pension of a widow of the age of 100, and from pure sympathy. She claims that she is a widow of a soldier of two wars. There are ten thousand more helpless, destitute, disabled widows to the soldiers of two wars. It is nothing uncommon to find the widows of soldiers of two wars now.

I say that in equity, justice, there is no right, there is no equity in this bill. It is a dangerous precedent. While it gives to this lady this amount, it brings pain of improper feeling, it inspires improper feelings in the hearts of thousands of widows who are more helpless, more needy and more dependent, and who are without one solitary dollar over \$5 per month.

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the greater part of the force developed was wasted in overcoming the resistance of the connecting wire. M. Marcel Deprez was the first to prove that to minimize this loss it was necessary to make electric machines with thin wires, for by this means the wasted energy could be made almost insignificant as compared with the utilized energy.

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"You are the fortieth man who has called here to day about that miserable old cotton umbrella," he added, addressing the reporter. "There have been men here to day for that umbrella who were never in my place before--lawyers, doctors, politicians, and divinity students. I'll never advertise another umbrella as long as I live," he said to the bartender.

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The first man I observed was young Riddleberg, from Virginia. I had expected to see for him a very tall and middle aged, slab sided, swinging armed man. On the contrary, I beheld a gentleman, rather blushing young man, rather little than tall, somnolent, and somewhat handsome, dressed in a neat suit of black, and who might have passed for the position of a student at a college.

Then came in Mahone, a kind of a queer, gray wassel of a man with the suggestion of a skeleton about him and a horse's beard; some such man as the young ladies might see in a master of his hired crew under the orders of either enjoyment or repose, but seemed to be on the watch, like some of the quadrupeds which are born old and seem to get gray in their infancy.

Butler, who was in Washington under a cloud of dislike from the north, has quiet intelligence, a slender, straight, mental and physical strength, and a general, willing hold on the instrumentalities he found among his opponents, became one of the most respected men in the senate.

There is but little of the distinctive southerner in his countenance, and I believe that he is descended from Commodore Perry, of Rhode Island. He is 18 years younger than Hampton, who commanded him during the war. The newspaper writers say that they find him genial, and that the only subject he has ever shown any temper about in private is the Hamburg negro affair.

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